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We Must Have More Fuel On Home Fires

Business, big and little, it is reported, is in a pessimistic state of mind. This feeling has been growing during the Fall months and is now beginning to express itself. The causes are alleged to be due to the growing immense national debt, high taxes of many kinds, shortage of goods, government regulations of prices, shortage of manpower and the high cost of inefficient employees, and the delay in winning the war. During the early summer the country believed that the war in Europe would be over by September, then by October, and then by Christmas, and now the predictions are not earlier than next summer. Reconversion was begun but is now halted because of the needs at all the fronts. On the Pacific coast it is reported that three million men have returned to their eastern homes, and home employment and the manpower on the coast is threatened. So the new congress will find itself faced with great problems. There can be not let down in the support of the war whatever the cost, but the home fires must be kept alive and burning with greater vigor through national domestic legislation or we will find ourselves involved in a much longer war than the most hopeful have expected.

On Keeping Faith: We Are

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, left dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

We are keeping faith over there now near Flanders Fields. Many of our boys with failing hands will, too, lie there in other fields, and their prayers will be added that we, too, keep the faith in a lasting peace for the happiness and welfare of mankind.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

A communication from the headquarters of the European theatre of operations of the Ninth air force states that Technical Sgt. James R. Jordan has been presented with the bronze star for maintaining the B-26 Marauder, "Smokey", in perfect flying condition for 100 missions without once having it turn back because of mechanical failure. According to the communication, this required minute checking of instruments, props, fuel lines and hydraulic system. Jordan who is crew chief on the Marauder found no mechanical difficulty too great to overcome in order to keep the plane in tip-top condition as it returned from aerial operations against targets in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany. The ninth air force bomber base is now somewhere in France, moving there after invasion day from a base in England. Sgt. Jordan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jordan of Echo.

There were 13 rainy days in Echo during November with a precipitation of 1.09 inches. Although temperatures were low, ranging from 66 maximum on the 5th to 18 above on the 15th, there was no snow here during the month. Total precipitation at the Echo station from January 1 to November 30 was 6.61 inches. During the first four days of December, .58 inch of

rain fell.

Mrs. Ray Tolar and daughter Mary, who went to Portland last Wednesday, returned home Friday. Mary was advised by her physician here to go to the city for treatment for serious ear trouble and is now much improved.

Joe Middleton returned Monday after spending the week end in Portland. Mrs. Middleton returned Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Thomson.

Marshall Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Meyers, went to Eugene via United Airlines last week for a short visit with her sister, Helen, who is attending Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews are remodeling and making a number of improvements of their farm house at Butter Creek.

Mrs. Lennie Smith of Pilot Rock is visiting at the home of her granddaughter Mrs. Thomas Loyd.

Late reports from Pendleton are that the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Attebury are getting along quite well. The little girls have been named Marolyn Coe and Carolyn Coe.

Mrs. Earl B. Cotton went to Payette, Idaho, Tuesday where her father was seriously ill and was to have a major operation. She planned to accompany her father to the hospital at Ontario and assist in caring for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grossmiller

left Saturday for Minneapolis where Don is to take two months naval training. They have been living at Pasco.

Mrs. Margaret Wolf left Monday for Walla to visit her daughter, Mrs. Earl Roberts, and her grandson, Pvt. Gene Lively, who is home on a furlough before going to a camp in Maryland.

Mrs. Asa M. Bowman was taken to the Pendleton hospital last Thursday and it was feared an operation would be necessary, but she is now reported to be improving.

Although Pvt. Asa M. Bowman Jr. is reported by the war department to have been missing in action in France since October 3, his father, A. M. Bowman of Echo, maintains that the young man will show up all right. He has a hunch that Asa is either a prisoner or strayed from his company in the flurry of the rush across France and is with some other division. Word of Pvt. Bowman being missing was sent to his wife in California and through her to his father. Mrs. Bowman and infant son plan to come to Echo after the first of the year and will reside here at the Asa Bowman Sr. home.

Bob Meechan is home in furlough from Camp Farragut for a weeks visit with his mother, Mrs. Katherine Williams. He has completed his boot training and will now await assignment either to take additional training or go to sea. He will return to Farragut Saturday.

A new station agent for the Union Pacific at Echo, Miss Naoma Sall, is now here familiarizing herself with the duties of the office and expects to take over the job shortly. She succeeds M. D. Parker, who has been transferred to Hood River.

Technician 1st grade James Lester Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Murray of Echo, has been awarded a citation dated October 26 for service in the invasion of France, which reads: "His 75 consecutive days of action from July 28 to October 12, 1944, under conditions of physical hardship and danger, has contributed materially to the success of this command in its advance of more than 1200 miles across France." The citation was signed by Col. Bruce C. Clarke who is commander of the 4th armored division of the U. S. third army. Murray, who entered the service in November, 1942, went overseas in December, 1943. In an armored division that is noted for its daring, he has seen real action. His commander, Col. Clarke, believes the safest place his command could be is moving behind German lines, chopping Nazi communications to pieces. His theory has paid dividends, the command having fewer casualties in six weeks behind the German lines than in two weeks of defensive warfare on a stabilized front. In one rampage behind German lines, after crossing the Mozelle river in September, the fourth division destroyed 121 Nazi tanks, 511 other vehicles and 33 large caliber guns, and captured 1903 Germans. At one time this command was 30 miles behind the main German line. Murray's division drove tanks into Sens and moved so rapidly that they caught German officers on the streets in their best clothes. The Germans seized bicycles from Frenchmen and tried to ride out of town, only to be run down by the American tanks. The sudden attack caught German 88s with raincoats over their muzzles and the gun crews nowhere near. Murray did not say in his letter to his parents where he is now stationed, but presumably he is somewhere in Germany.

Mrs. Nona McFaul was elected president of the Echo library board at a meeting Thursday evening. Mrs. Harold Liesegang was elected secretary and Mrs. G. H. Frederick treasurer. Miss LeBlond, county librarian from Pendleton, was present and outlined plans for co-operation with the local board. She expects to visit each branch library in the county once a month as part of a campaign to promote community interest in library activities. Miss LeBlond's next visit to Echo will be December 9 from 10 to 12 a. m. Full particulars of the meeting to be held at that time will be announced later.

The Blanche Attebury beauty shop in Echo has reopened after being closed since September while Miss Attebury was employed at Ordinance.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coppinger, Mrs. John Luciani and Miss Mary Jane Laurie left Wednesday for Paso Robles, Calif., to visit Kenneth Coppinger and George Luciani, who are stationed at Camp Roberts.

Jewett Murray has received word from his brother, Carpenters Mate 1st Class Robert H. Murray, that he is now with the Seabees in Southern France.

COLUMBIA NEWS

A birthday dinner in honor of Miss Helen Zehendner was enjoyed at the Henry Ott home Sunday. Those present were Miss Zehendner, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stratton and daughter, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott. Mrs. Robert Bennett has recovered from a two week period of

severe illness of pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and son recently moved to Ordinance from their home at the U. Edwards place in this community.

Mrs. Kate Luttrell has returned to her home after receiving medical care for a heart attack at the Ordinance. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Lane of Pendleton, is caring for her at her home.

Mrs. Gifford and daughter Ruth spent last week end visiting at the Dell Christley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crueste of Bingen, Wash., are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 17. Mrs. Crueste was the former Buelah Ryland.

Mrs. Lee Dyer and Mrs. Fred Berry made a business trip to Walla Walla Wednesday.

The Dyer children, Ruth, Raymond and John, have been confined to their home due to flu.

Mrs. Keller has returned to her home after receiving medical care at the hospital in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Carpenter and Mrs. Draer of Pendleton and Mrs. Foss and Donna of Hermiston were callers at the Mabel Weeks home Sunday.

Mrs. Duff Knight, Mrs. McCulley and Mrs. Castric went to Pendleton last Wednesday, the first two ladies to attend an extension meeting and Mrs. Castric to have her glasses changed.

Mrs. Frank Cook has been confined to her home lately due to an injured foot.

U. Edwards, in spite of his more than eighty years, is doing winter plowing for Olyn Hodge.

Mrs. Marian McPheeters is working in the turkeys in Stanfield.

Felix Baty returned home Monday after a two weeks stay in Portland where he was called because of the serious condition of his mother.

Percy Corman is building a shelter for the Hodge dairy herd.

The fifty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook was celebrated at the Tom

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Clark home Thursday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathews, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hancock, Honorable Percy H. Corman and honorees.

Mrs. L. W. Dixson had the misfortune to fall down her basement steps last Saturday causing slight injuries.

Mrs. James Getchell and sons Jimmy and Jerry have returned

from La Grande where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fix have received word from Loyd Fix, who attends radio school in New York, that he has recently been in the hospital because of a strained back.

Pfc. Keith H. Peverley, who has been stationed in Wisconsin, was sent overseas last week.

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